

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 51

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2005

Mr. PALLONE introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-  
4       lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5       stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
6       intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The debate upon any measure, motion,  
5 or other matter pending before the Senate may not be  
6 brought to a close except by unanimous consent or the  
7 concurrence of three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen  
8 and sworn, except on a measure or motion to amend the  
9 Senate rules, in which case the necessary affirmative vote  
10 shall be two-thirds of the Senators present and voting.”.

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